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Sir:

Further to the Appeal Brief filed September 29, 2008 and the Reply Brief filed May 4, 2009 regarding the Final Rejection mailed January 29, 2008 Applicants hereby request that the examination of the present application be continued on the basis of claims 64-109 of record and in consideration of the additional arguments presented herein. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith and the corresponding fee is being paid concurrently herewith as well. While it is believed that no further fees are required, this is an express authorization to charge any other fees which may be deemed to be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.